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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers

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3. Consideration of the review of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships, 1952

4. Provisional agenda and date of the next session

5. Other business

6. Adoption of the report of the ninth session.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

1. The Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts (JIGE) will continue with the same officers as for the eighth session, who were: Mr. G. G. Ivanov (Russian Federation), Chairman; Mr. I. Melo Ruíz (Mexico) and Mr. Karl-Johan Gombrii (Norway), Vice-Chairmen; Mr Zengjie Zhu (China), Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur. If, however, any of these officers is unavailable or unable to continue in office, a replacement should be elected from the same geographical region.[1]

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. Following the resolution adopted by the United Nations/IMO Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages,[2] the Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts was reconvened in order to examine the possible review of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Seagoing Ships, 1952.

3. The Joint Intergovernmental Group may wish, after the adoption of the agenda, to set up a sessional group of the whole, presided over by the Chairman, to undertake the substantive work of the session. The Joint Intergovernmental Group as a whole will hold a closing plenary meeting on 6 December 1996 to consider the work of its sessional group and to adopt the draft report on its ninth session.

4. The Joint Intergovernmental Group may wish to take decisions concerning the organization of its work in the light of these arrangements.[3]

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[1] According to the "Common Understanding to be followed by the Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts" adopted by the JIGE at its first session (document JIGE(1)/4, TD/B/C.4/AC.8/4, LEG/MLM/4, annex II), the JIGE will have one Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen. One of the Vice-Chairmen shall be designated as Rapporteur by the JIGE. These officers will hold office for the duration of the JIGE. If any of the officers becomes unavailable or is unable to continue in office, a replacement will be elected from the same geographical region. (See paras. 1 and 2 of the Common Understanding).

[2] See the report of the Conference (A/CONF.162/8), annex I.

[3] See section III below.

Item 3: Consideration of the review of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships, 1952

5. The Joint Intergovernmental Group of Experts at its eighth session agreed to use the text of the draft articles for a convention on arrest of ships contained in document JIGE(VIII)/2, TD/B/CN.4/GE.2/5, LEG/MLM/32 as a basis for its discussion during the ninth session. In order to facilitate the work of the Joint Group, a comparative text between the provisions of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Ships and the draft articles as contained in document JIGE(VIII)/2 has been prepared (document JIGE(IX)/2, TD/B/IGE.1/2, LEG/MLM/38).

Item 4: Provisional agenda and date of the next session

6. Suggestions for the provisional agenda for the next session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group will be submitted to the Group by the secretariats.

Item 5: Other business

7. The Joint Intergovernmental Group will be invited to consider any other business which may be submitted to it.

Item 6: Adoption of the report of the ninth session

8. The Joint Intergovernmental Group will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its ninth session.

III. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

9. The ninth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group has five working days, from 2 to 6 December 1996, for the work of the ninth session. The attached tentative schedule has been drawn up on the assumption that the Joint Intergovernmental Group will agree to set up the sessional group of the whole to undertake the substantive discussions at the session. The sessional group could commence its work on the morning of Monday, 2 December 1996. The Joint Intergovernmental Group will hold a closing plenary meeting to conclude its business and to adopt the report of the session on Friday, 6 December 1996.

10. Throughout the session, facilities will be available for morning and afternoon meetings with simultaneous interpretation. It is suggested that

the morning meetings be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

11. It will help to expedite proceedings if written proposals are submitted as early as possible in the session.

Proposed schedule of meetings

Monday	2 December 1996	a.m.	Plenary of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 1: Election of officers Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Sessional group of the whole Item 3: Consideration of review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Sea-going Ships
		p.m.	Idem
Tuesday	3 December 1996	a.m./p.m.	Idem
Wednesday	4 December 1996	a.m./p.m.	Idem
Thursday	5 December 1996	a.m.	Idem
		p.m.	Preparation of the draft report
Friday	6 December 1996	p.m.	Plenary of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 3: Consideration of review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Sea-going Ships Item 4: Provisional agenda and date of the next session of the Joint Intergovernmental Group Item 5: Other business Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Joint Intergovernmental Group on its ninth session